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BOX PATENT APPLICATION  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Pierre RIPOCHE, Alain DROUART, and Benoit GOUZ

METHOD OF FABRICATING AN OPTICAL FIBER PREFORM INCLUDING  
OUTSIDE DEPOSITION OF SILICA, POSSIBLY DOPED SILICA  
Our Ref. Q58134

Dear Sir:

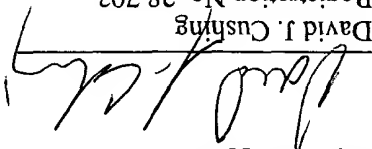
Attached hereto is the application identified above including 10 sheets of the specification, claims and abstract, 3 sheets of formal drawings, executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Also enclosed is the Information Disclosure Statement.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	3	-	20	=	0	x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent claims	1	-	3	=	0	x	\$78.00	=	\$0.00
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Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$690.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from March 08, 1999 based on French Application No. 9902815. The priority document is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,  
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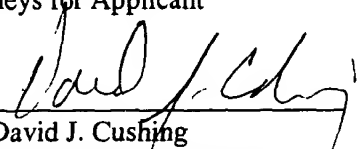
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